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## Letter to Lord Kenyon

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Washington City 1. Mar: 1828

Very dear Lord Kenyon:

I am not without hope that my petition for aid in the erection of the great buildings of Kenyon College will be granted. But my absence from the busy scene in Knox County is very detrimental to our interests. - and I can truly say that did I not <sup>deem</sup> ~~think~~ it my duty to be patient & exert myself to the last for so great an object I could not think of staying another day. The Committee in the Senate to whom my Petition was referred reported in my favour (viz: for the grant of 22,000 acres of land to Kenyon College) as in my last I think I mentioned to your Lordship. Since that time the subject has not been called up but has had its full share of private dis-  
=union. And from the general tenor of what comes to my knowledge I do not despair.



I am treated with much undeserved kindness by the President and Officers of State here in my own country; and in all my intercourse the reputation of dear Old England does not suffer.

I hear frequently from my dear Wife and family and the school at Wotton. All are well and doing well.

Your Lordship may recollect the subscription, last winter, of Mr. Arthur Tappan of New York on the condition there were ten thousand dollars subscribed within one year to constitute a professorship in ~~Harvard~~ Harvard College he would give \$1000 of the said sum. This has been by the good providence of God most mercifully accomplished: and Dr. Keith of the Theological Seminary of the Prot. Episcopal Church in Virginia has been nominated & I trust will accept the appointment to fill this professorship. I need not tell your Lordship how grateful to Divine Providence I feel  
for



this renewed instance of undeserved goodness.  
What have I done to deserve these blessings  
on my feeble endeavours? Nothing: and I  
see nothing in myself but that which needs  
pardon.

I shall go to Ohio by the way of New York &  
the Canals. & had I room in the College I  
believe I could take with me one hundred  
students. - How I mourn that this tide of  
popularity could not be taken at its flood!  
It would lead on to great prosperity.

I beg your Lordship to send the enclosed to our  
mutual and excellent Friend G. W. M. - Must  
I alter my address since his new appoint-  
ment? If so pray tell me.

The paper states that Dr Ward is now Lord  
Bishop of Lodi & Mann. Is this title correct?  
- I rejoice to hear of the promotion of so good  
a man. May he tread in the steps of the heavenly  
minded Wilson!

I beg to be named most affectionately  
to dear Margaret, & all who think on you  
Your Lordship's most faithful grateful and affectionate  
Friend and servant. Phil Chase